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**Lydgate to open for camping this Friday**

WAILUA – Camping at one of Kaua'i's most popular beach parks will soon become a reality.

The campgrounds located at the southern end of Lydgate Beach Park between the Kaha Lani Resort and Kamalani Kai Bridge are scheduled to open to the public on Friday, June 1.

"We're very excited to offer residents and visitors another recreational activity at Lydgate Park. They've been able to picnic, swim, play, walk or bike at the park for many years, and now they have the option of camping there, too," said Parks and Recreation Director Lenny Rapozo. "Because camping is a new offering, we're going to start off by opening about half of the campsites, and will open the others later."

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DOPR) is currently accepting applications on a first-come, first served basis for the following campsites: five – 10 ft. x10 ft., which can accommodate up to five people; eight – 20 ft.x20 ft., maximum of 10 people; three ADA designated campsites, maximum 10 people; and one large group camping area, which can accommodate between 20 and 200 people.

Applications for the Lydgate campgrounds are currently only available at the DPR administrative offices located at the Lihue Civic Center in the Mo'ikeha Building, suite 105, or DPR's permit window in the Pi'ikoi Building.

Camping fees for the Lydgate sites are structured as follows:

- 10'x10' - \$5/per night for Hawai'i residents; \$25/night for visitors; amenities include a picnic table, level pad for a tent and a barbeque.
- 20'x20' - \$5/per night for Hawai'i residents; \$25/night for visitors; includes a picnic table, level pad for a tent and a barbeque.
- ADA designated - \$5/per night for Hawai'i residents; \$25/night for visitors; amenities include paved parking and access lanes next to the campsites and accessible picnic tables.
- Large group campsite - \$75/per night for Hawai'i residents; \$150/night for visitors; includes the exclusive use of Kamalani Pavilion

Other amenities at the campgrounds include: showers; parking stalls located close to the campgrounds; and unobstructed views.

For maintenance purposes, the Lydgate campgrounds will be closed from 10 a.m. on Tuesdays until noon on Thursdays.

"The entire Lydgate Park master plan was community-driven," said Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr. "The community came up with a list of suggestions, and the county incorporated them into our plans. It's a wonderful showcase on how collaboration among different groups can result in great things for the community."

The master plan was formalized in 1999 by the Friends of Kamalani and Lydgate Park following numerous community meetings.

It includes: additional picnic and day use areas; a segment of Ke Ala Hele Makalae, the county's 16-mile shared use path; Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Sports Fields; as well as the Kamalani Playground and Pavilion and Kamalani Kai Bridge.

A blessing was held on Tuesday, May 29 to celebrate the completion of the Lydgate campgrounds and the rebuilding of the Kamalani Pavilion.

The opening of the Lydgate campgrounds is one of 38 projects/initiatives that are included in Mayor Carvalho's Holo Holo 2020 vision for Kaua'i.

The vision calls for all organizations, businesses, residents and visitors on Kaua'i to be part of creating an island that is sustainable, values the native culture, has a thriving and healthy economy, cares for all – keiki to kupuna – and has a responsible and user-friendly local government.

To see the complete list of Holo Holo 2020 projects, please go to [www.kauai.gov/mayor](http://www.kauai.gov/mayor).

For more information about camping at Lydgate, please call 241-4460.



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